

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering

Minutes of Meeting No. 78.3

of the

Engineering Faculty Council

held

Friday, 17 March 1978

Present: M.N.S. Swamy (Chairman); Professors Antoniou, Fazio, Habashi, Krantzberg, Lindsay, Mattar, Osman, Ramamurthy, Russell, Sankar, Stefanovic, Troitsky, Vidyasagar, Xistris; Ms D. Dolan (Library representative); D. Gladstone, S. Chockalingam, D. Jeanotte (Student representatives); Professor J.C. Giguere (Secretary)

Absent with apology: Professors Joly, Pekau, Bhargava

Visitor: Prof. H.J. McQueen

Motion
78-3-1

1. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the published agenda.

Motion
78-3-2

2. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting No. 78-2

3. Grants

Chairman informed Council that it appears that the Faculty had done well again this year in terms of NRC operating and equipment grants. He further noted that programme majeur applications from the Centre for Building Studies and the Fluid Control Centre were being forwarded to FCAC for consideration.

4. Report of ad hoc committee on course evaluation (Doc. 78-2-2)

The Secretary summarized the debate which had taken place on this topic at the last meeting of Council.

Motion
78-3-3

5. Council adopted a motion to approve the questionnaire as set out in Doc. 78-2-2 (1 recorded abstention).

6. The Chairman advised that the Learning Development Centre was prepared to provide professors with help in improving their teaching. Members welcomed the availability of this service. He also noted that the DSA had indicated a willingness to finance, at least for this year, the running of the evaluation but might not be willing to do so in future if the results were not made available to students.

7. There was considerable debate on the following issues: a) whether

the results of an evaluation should be made public, and if so, to what extent; b) whether the questionnaire should be mandatory or optional. It was agreed not to discuss the relevance of course evaluations to the review process for academic personnel.

Motion
78-3-4

8. Council unanimously approved a motion to move into a committee of the whole.
9. After further discussion, it was agreed to identify the following options:

The evaluation should be:

1. Optional, i.e., up to the discretion of the professor, with the results being
 - a) returned to the professor
 - b) returned to the professor with the requirement that he discuss them in class
 - c) also made available to students in one or two locations such as the Chairman's, Dean's, or the EUA office.
2. Compulsory, with options a), b) and c) as above.

Two rounds of straw votes were taken on these options with the following results:

Option	1a	1a	1c	2a	2b	2c
Round 1	2	8	2	0	2	4
Round 2	0	8	0	0	0	7

Motion
78-3-5

10. Council unanimously approved a motion to move out of committee of the whole.

Motion
78-3-6

11. Council considered a motion to leave the running of an evaluation to the discretion of the professor, it being understood that he will discuss the results of the evaluation with the class, but that these results not otherwise be made public.

Motion
78-3-7

12. After further discussion, Council adopted a motion to call the question.

(9 in favour, 1 against)

Motion
78-3-8

13. Council adopted Motion 77-3-6.

(9 in favour, 7 against)

14. Committee on Honourable Conduct

Council unanimously adopted a motion to appoint Professors Bhargava, Lang, Nasser, Neemeh, Probst and Xistris to the slate of members for this committee effective immediately until 31 September 1979.

15. The Secretary agreed to ask the EUA and EUS to provide names of student members.

16. Restructuring of the B.Eng.

The Assistant Dean advised that EUSC was proceeding on this matter. EFC will consider the matter at its May meeting.

17. Industrial Engineering

The Assistant Dean noted that the Executive Committee had received the report of a task force established for this purpose. This report as well as work carried out by the Dean's office, and subsequent work by the Executive Committee and EUSC, will form the basis of a proposal to be considered by Council at its April meeting.

18. Restructuring of the M.Eng.

The Assistant Dean informed Council that there existed some fundamental differences in departmental viewpoints on this matter. Further discussion would be necessary within the Executive Committee and EGSC.

19. Council unanimously adopted a motion to thank the ad hoc committee on course evaluation for its work.

Motion
78-3-9